

St. John Parish

VOCATION VIEWS: Many people are weary and find life burdensome. Could God be calling you to bring comfort, encouragement and refreshment to others? Trust that Jesus can work through you. You can make a difference. (Matthew 11:25-30). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

July 4 & 5, 2020		LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — July 6 - 12			
Father John Forkuoh 385-2212 http://www.stjohnspearville.com	Coordinator of Ministries Judy Gleason, 385-2881	Day	Time	Location	Celebration Intention
		Mon.	No Mass		
		Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church	Adeline Hessman
		Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church	Keith Hammeke
		Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Church	Kevin Hines
		Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church	Marvin Gleason
		Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions
			4:00 p.m.	Church	All Parishioners
		Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church	Betty Flax



A WARM WELCOME to new parishioners! Please introduce yourself to the pastor after Mass. There are family information cards located in the back of church. Feel free to fill out and drop in the collection basket to register.

RENT THE PARISH CENTER: Call Rosann Tasset, 385-2487.

ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CHAIN: If you have someone you would like to have on our prayer chain, please call Lynnette Hessman, at 620-408-8582 or email her at nettemae1984@yahoo.com. You may also request to be added to the calling tree or email list.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Engaged couples, please contact the pastor at least four months in advance to allow sufficient time for necessary marriage preparation. A wedding is tentative until this is completed.

INFANT BAPTISMS: Parents should be registered in the parish. For baptismal preparation, please contact the pastor at 385-2212.



WORD OF LIFE: “O God our creator... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops “Prayer for Religious Liberty”



POPE FRANCIS’ JULY INTENTIONS: Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father’s request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this month’s intention: Our Families We pray that today’s families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.



JULY 5, 2020 (14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME): “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth”. Stewardship is the “attitude of gratitude” for the many gifts God has given us.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA: If you would like to know more about the D of I, or are interested in joining, please contact Jeanette Gunkel at jeanettegunkel63@gmail.com or 385-2799; or Cassie Sanko at csanko@ksu.edu.

FACEBOOK YOUTH PAGE: Youth Commission would like to invite parishioners with a Facebook account to “like” the “Spearville St. John Youth” page. We are using this as a means of promoting activities and scheduling events in our parish and the Dodge City Diocese.

HOMEBOUND: Call the pastor if you would like to receive Holy Communion on Thursday mornings.

MEALS FOR NEW MOMS: If you have recently had a baby, or know a parishioner who has, and would like to receive meals celebrating this new addition, please contact Sandy Ackerman at 385-2857.

WORDS OF HOPE: We are all struggling with dark days right now. There is no one who has not been touched—or will not be touched—by this terrible pandemic. It’s important to remember that even though we must practice “social distancing” and may not feel as much like a community as we did before, the truth is we are a community, the community of faith, and the people of God. And part of the richness of that community is that we have a Mother to share, one who loves us, one who has been through her own dark days and nights. The Mother of God is our Mother, too, and she is reaching out her hand to every one of us.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: June 27 & 28: N/A



CATHOLICS VOTE: A key tenet of Catholic life is faithful citizenship. We ALL have a responsibility to exercise that citizenship by voting. The Kansas Catholic Conference is helping by initiating a statewide nonpartisan voter registration drive. Please go to www.KansasCatholic.org and click the link for VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION. The deadline to register in the important summer primary IS July 14. Please register TODAY and vote your Catholic values



DEFINITION OF “SEX” IN CIVIL RIGHTS LAW: Archbishop Gomez’s statement: I am deeply concerned that the U.S. Supreme Court has effectively redefined the legal meaning of ‘sex’ in our nation’s civil rights law. This is an injustice that will have implications in many areas of life. By erasing the beautiful differences and complementary relationship between man and woman, we ignore the glory of God’s creation and harm the human family, the first building block of society. Our sex, whether we are male or female, is part of God’s plan for creation and for our lives. As Pope Francis has taught with such sensitivity, to live in the truth with God’s intended gifts in our lives requires that we receive our bodily and sexual identity with gratitude from our Creator. No one can find true happiness by pursuing a path that is contrary to God’s plan. Every human person is made in the image and likeness of God and, without exception, must be treated with dignity, compassion, and respect. Protecting our neighbors from unjust discrimination does not require redefining human nature. We pray that the Church, with the help of Mary, the Mother of God, will be able to continue her mission to bring Jesus Christ to every man and woman.



FOR THE SICK: God of mercy, when I’m sick I often find it hard to pray. So I offer this moment of prayer when I’m well for all those who may now be too weak, too tired or too depressed to pray and to believe at this time in your goodness and mercy. May this be a healing moment for them, as it was for the woman in the Gospel who touched the hem of your garment. Amen.



ADORATION, ADORATION, ADORATION: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Wednesday at 9 am to 8pm for adoration. Individuals are encouraged to sign-up for adoration. Please remember to observe the social distancing protocol.

July 6 - 12 Birthdays	
July 6	Julie Knoeber
July 7	Amanda Bittel, Wyatt Strecker
July 8	Kate Steimel
July 9	Larry B. Ackerman
July 10	Xavier Calvin
July 11	Jo Peintner, Sarah Stegman

THE CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC: Often it is the people closest to us who need our help. We should not go out in search of some unknown business to accomplish. It is better to begin with the simplest, which the Lord tells us is the most urgent.” —Pope Francis General Audience (10/12/2016)

The Corporal Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise; they “are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs” (U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults).

FEED THE HUNGRY • Check in with your parish community to see if there are parishioners who cannot (or should not) go grocery shopping themselves. • Check in with your parish to see if the food pantry is adequately stocked. • Organize a network of volunteers in each parish/community to grocery shop for parishioners in need, especially the more vulnerable populations in our community.

GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY • Do not purchase or hoard more water than you need. • While handwashing is vitally important, make an effort not to waste water—in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity.

SHELTER THE HOMELESS • Consider donating toiletries and sanitary items to a local shelter since those who suffer homelessness—and the facilities that minister to them—are especially vulnerable at this time. • Financially support organizations that are working to support the homeless population in your community

VISIT THE SICK • While in-person visits are not advisable during this time, please invest time in reaching out via phone/video call or by sending a letter or card to those who may feel particularly isolated during this time. • Offer to assist caregivers of chronically sick family members by grocery shopping or cooking for them so they do not have to risk exposure. • Reach out to health care workers in your community who may be overworked, burdened, or in need of specific support at this time.

VISIT THE PRISONERS • Explore whether your parish or diocese has a prison ministry and, if so, check whether they are in need of supplies or support. • Given that people in prison can be especially isolated and vulnerable during this pandemic, consider how to support those who are ministering to them and bringing them the Word of God.

BURY THE DEAD • Now that funerals may be limited or restricted, reach out with cards or phone calls to those who have recently lost a loved one. • If possible, visit the cemetery to pray for those you have lost—and to ask their intercession on behalf of all those facing death today.

GIVE ALMS TO THE POOR • Reach out to those who may have been especially burdened during this pandemic, especially those whose occupations make them more vulnerable to economic instability. • Remember that the lack of public celebration of Masses may result in parishes struggling financially in the next few months; be sure to continue your support and if possible, increase offerings for those who cannot donate due recent financial hardship or inability to work. • Remember that Catholic Relief Services continues to serve the most vulnerable and consider making a donation or praying for them as you are able. (USCCB WEBSITE).